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Project Map

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY TO STOCKTON
CALIFORNIA**

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The remaining authorized San Francisco Bay to Stockton improvements (Phase 3) consist of deepening the main internal bay channels, from Richmond upstream to Point Edith in Suisun Bay, to -45 feet Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW); deepening maneuvering areas adjacent to major petroleum cargo terminals to -45 feet; and creating a turning basin to a depth of -45 feet at Avon. Implementation of this phase, however, has been delayed because of the potential for environmental impact to the Sacramento Delta as a result of the proposed channel deepening.

FISCAL YEAR 03 BUDGET: \$0

PRESENT STATUS: Avon Turning Basin: \$250,000 was made available in FY01 to initiate a GRR in order to evaluate the feasibility of constructing a turning basin at Avon (part of the authorized yet un-constructed Phase 3). Vessels utilizing the terminals at Avon are being forced to turn outside the maintained navigation channel and are susceptible to grounding. A Preliminary Engineering and Design (PED) Agreement has been prepared between the Corps of Engineers and Contra Costa County Water Agency, but has yet to be executed.

Continuation of Phase 3: The Port of Stockton and the Contra Costa County Water Agency have expressed interest in resuming the design and construction of the un-completed Phase 3. Specific areas of previous environmental concern are currently being revisited to determine the likelihood that a deepening project (1-2 feet) from the San Francisco Bay to Stockton would now be acceptable.

FUTURE EFFORTS: Either of the above mentioned studies will require non-Federal sponsor support, the execution of a PED Agreement to initiate and a General Re-evaluation Report (GRR) to request construction funding. It is anticipated that both will be initiated during FY02. However, the Avon Turning Basin will progress ahead of the Phase 3 study.